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30 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Working Group Meeting on Libya, 30 December 1981

1. The meeting was held in the White House Situation Room and chaired by Ray Tantner of the NSC Staff. (Admiral Nance dropped in for about 15 minutes but made no comments.) The purpose was to discuss the contents of an interagency paper on "Soviet Responses to US Military Actions Against Libya" that will be the first item on the Agenda of the Libyan Task Force Meeting scheduled for 11 January (agenda attached).

2. Since most participants in the meeting did not have copies of all the contributions to the paper, the discussion simply went through the outline of the paper identifying points of possible disagreement and additional questions that need to be addressed. There was no significant disagreement on the key judgment of the paper -- that the USSR will not use its own military forces to try to counter US military action against Libya but will subsequently take advantage of such an attack to promote its own diplomatic and propaganda objectives and increase its access to Libyan military facilities. The potential disagreement over the question of "prepositioning" of equipment in Libya for use by Soviet forces disappeared; in the final analysis the only point State/PM wants to make is that non-Libyan pilots (Soviet, Cuban, Syrian, or whatever) could be used to fly some of the excess planes in the Libyan inventory, which would raise the potential military costs to the US somewhat and increase the odds that non-Libyans would be casualties of any attack. Other areas of apparent conflict also disappeared.

3. NFAC was asked to provide to Howard Ticher at State by noon on 31 December three bits of factual information:

- The latest specific information we have on the presence and functions of Cuban personnel in Libya.
- Details on past Soviet approaches to the Libyans for access to Libyan military facilities and Libyan responses (DIA came up blank).
- A few examples of earlier situations in which Soviet military personnel serving as advisors in Third World countries had been killed in military attacks by other countries.

NESA, ALA, and SOVA are working together to compile this information.

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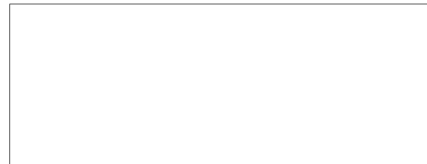
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4. The future calendar of events:

- A draft paper will be distributed by Ticher to members of the working group by c.o.b. Monday, 4 January.
- The working group will meet to review and amend the draft at 1130 on Wednesday, 6 January in the White House Situation Room.
- A revised draft for the Task Force principals will be distributed by Friday morning, 8 January.

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Director

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National Foreign Assessment Center

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Libyan Task Force Meeting Number 2
Monday, January 11, 1982
White House Situation Room
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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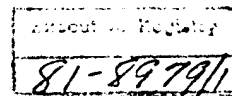
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C. Waterman as our representative.

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Executive Secretary

28 Dec 81

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December 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE DONALD T. REGAN
The Secretary of the Treasury

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE MALCOLM BALDRIGE
The Secretary of Commerce

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

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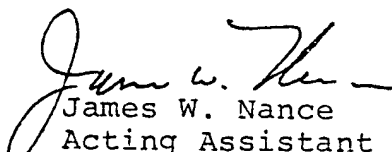
National Security Decision Directive Number 16 of December 10, 1981 lists the President's economic and security decisions for Libya.

Item 9 of the NSDD sets up a Libyan Task Force, co-chaired by the White House and State. The first meeting of the Task Force was held on December 15, 1981.

Please call in the name of your representative to Mr. Raymond Tanter of the NSC staff (395-5697).

Attached is an agenda for the meeting to be held on January 11, 1982.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


James W. Nance
Acting Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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